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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 04 May 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-6 are pending and under examination.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 2 is objected to because of the recitation of “deposited with International Patent Organism Depository, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, address: AIST Tsukuba Central 6, 1-1, Higashi 1-Chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, 305-8566 Japan”. It is noted that, since the depository address could change, its incorporation into the claim is improper.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, second paragraph

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted steps are: the actual steps taken to express insulin.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, first paragraph - biological deposit

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification is not enabling without complete evidence that the NAKT-13 cell line recited in the claims is known and readily available to the public.

The invention appears to employ novel biological materials, specifically immortalized human pancreatic cell line. Because the biological materials are essential to the claimed invention they must be obtainable by a repeatable method set forth in the specification or otherwise readily available to the public. If the biological materials are not so obtainable or available, the requirements of 35 USC §112 may be satisfied by a deposit of the biological materials. It is noted that the specification discloses that the cell line was deposited the. However, although the specification refers to the cell line in different places, it does not state that the deposit was made under Budapest Treaty or that all restriction on the deposit will be irrevocably removed on issuance of a patent and that the deposit will be replaced if viable samples cannot be dispensed by the depository. If the deposit has been made under the Budapest Treaty, then an affidavit or declaration by Applicant, or a statement by an attorney of record over his or her signature and registration number, stating that the specific biological materials have been deposited under the Budapest Treaty and that the biological materials will be irrevocably and without restriction or condition released to the public upon the issuance of a patent, would satisfy the deposit requirement made herein. If the deposit has not been made under the Budapest Treaty, then in order to certify that the deposit meets

the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§1.801-1.809, Applicant may provide assurance of compliance by an affidavit or declaration, or by a statement by an attorney of record over his or her signature and registration number, showing that:

- (a) during the pendency of this application, access to the invention will be afforded to the Commissioner upon request;
- (b) all restrictions upon availability to the public will be irrevocably removed upon granting of the patent;
- (c) the deposit will be maintained in a public depository for a period of 30 years or 5 years after the last request or for the effective life of the patent, whichever is longer;
- (d) a test of the viability o the biological material at the time of deposit will be made (see 37 CR §1.807); and
- (e) the deposit will be replaced if it should ever become inviable.

Applicant's attention is directed to MPEP §2400 in general, and specifically to §2144.05, as well as to 37 CFR §1.809(d), wherein it is set forth that "the specification shall contain the accession number for the deposit, the date of the deposit, the name and address of the depository, and a description of the deposited material sufficient to specifically identify it and to permit examination." The specification should be amended to include this information; however, Applicant is cautioned to avoid the entry of new matter into the specification by adding any other information.

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1 and 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by de la Tour et al. (*Molecular Endocrinology*, 2001, 476-483), as evidenced by Halvorsen et al. (*Molecular and Cellular Biology*, 1999, 19: 1864-1870).

de la Tour et al. teach the reversibly immortalized β lox5 cell line derived according to the method of Halvorsen et al. by infecting human pancreatic β -cells with retroviral vectors expressing SV40T and hTERT (p. 477, column 1, first paragraph), wherein Halvorsen et al. teach that the SV40T and hTERT sequences used to obtain the β lox5 cell line contain *loxP* sites on each side (see Halvorsen et al., p. 1865, columns 1 and 2, Fig. 1); de la Tour et al. teach that the β lox5 cell line produces insulin after excision of the nucleic acid sequences encoding SV40T and hTERT (claim 1), i.e., they teach a human pancreatic islet cell obtained by excising the SV40T and hTERT genes and a method of producing insulin by using this cell (claims 3, 4, and 6) (p. 480, column 1 and Fig. 6). de la Tour et al. also teach that the immortalized β lox5 cell line can be induced to produce insulin, i.e., they teach a method of producing insulin by utilizing the immortalized β lox5 cell line (claim 5) (p. 477, column 2, p. 478, column 1). Since de la Tour et al. teach all claim limitations, the claimed invention is anticipated by the above-cited art.

9. No claim is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ILEANA POPA whose telephone number is (571)272-5546. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 am-5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Woitach can be reached on 571-272-0739. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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